



ODCP Legislative Update

The 84th General Assembly

The ODCP Legislative Update is a weekly recap of legislative action relating to drug control and criminal justice issues, the aim of which is to keep you informed of new legislation and any progress it makes toward becoming law.

Please feel free to forward this information to others who may be interested.

INTRODUCED IN THE HOUSE

[HSB 609](#) (Companion to SSB 3104) An Act granting **authority to temporarily designate a substance a controlled substance and classifying certain substances as schedule I controlled substances**, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions. The bill specifies that if any new substance has not been designated a controlled substance under federal law and the board of pharmacy finds that the substance poses an imminent hazard to public safety, the board may designate the substance a controlled substance. If a substance is designated as controlled by the board pursuant to the bill, the control shall be temporary and if within 60 days after the next regular session of the general assembly convenes the substance has not been classified as a controlled substance, the temporary controlled substance designation by the board is nullified. The bill adds numerous synthetic cannabinoids to the list of schedule I controlled substances in Code section 124.204(4)(ai). The bill adds numerous substances containing any quantity of any synthetic cathinone that are not approved pharmaceuticals to the list of schedule I controlled substances in Code section 124.204(6). Introduced 2/6/12 and referred to Public Safety. Assigned to subcommittee Fry, Klein and Swaim. A proposed ODCP bill.

[HF 2252](#) An act relating to the possession of certain substances with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance, and providing a penalty. Under the bill, it is illegal for any unauthorized person to possess ammonium sulfate (commonly used in tree fertilizer spikes), ammonium nitrate, or sodium hydroxide (lye) with the intent to manufacture a controlled substance (e.g., methamphetamine). A person who violates the bill commits a class "D" felony. A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more than \$7,500. Introduced 2/8/12 by Kressig and Baudler and referred to Public Safety. 2/9/12, assigned to subcommittee Worthan, Fry and Kressig.

[HF 2270](#) An act providing for the creation of a medical marijuana Act including the creation of nonprofit dispensaries, and providing for civil and criminal penalties and fees. The bill provides that a qualifying patient who has been issued and possesses a registry identification card shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or civil penalty, or denied any right or privilege, for the qualifying patient's medical use of marijuana pursuant to the provisions of the bill. Introduced 2/9/12 by Hunter and referred to Public Safety.

HOUSE UPDATE

No updates to report.

INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE

No updates to report.

SENATE UPDATE

No updates to report.

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